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Comments: Hello,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the development of a mountain coaster in the Sandia Mountains. I have spent countless hours mountain biking, hiking, and skiing in the Sandias, and I have enjoyed much of the infrastructure that makes the mountain so accessible to so many. However, I am concerned that the forest is being turned into an amusement park. The mountain has already been permanently changed by developments at the ski area, the tram, and now the Ten3 restaurant. The habitat is already marred by the leftover scap metal that forms the lift towers of the abandoned ski lift. To continue to develop the area and destroy natural habitat in favor of manmade attractions would be a bummer.

We have national forests for a reason. These lands have intrinsic beauty and are an oasis of freedom from the modern world. They are worth protecting to ensure the current and future generations have a space to experience and connect with nature. It is my opinion that the Sandia mountains already have more than enough development, and I hope that the mountain coaster does not come to fruition.